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Sent: 2/1/2019 11:26:36 PM
To: Edmondson, Lucy [Edmondson.Lucy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: ECOLOGY -- transition in leadership at Ecology's Spokane office

Thanks for the kindness ... talk soon ...

From: Edmondson, Lucy <Edmondson.Lucy@epa.gov>
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You are on my list to call! I heard you were retiring, I am sorry it is so soon (though I am sure you are not....)

I have so enjoyed working with you. A steady presence, clear communicator, easy to talk to, even on the hard issues. I especially appreciate your patience with me as I got up to speed on Spokane WQ issues. I will call you soon, also, just wanted to acknowledge your email...

Lucy

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From: Pfeifer, Grant D. (ECY) <GPFE461@ECY.WA.GOV>
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Typo! sorry

From: Pfeifer, Grant D. (ECY)
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Hey Lucy, Dan, SherylAs I am getting near retirement, I want to say "thank you" for the privilege of working together to support the wonderful Region in which we live. I wish you the best in your specific endeavors and continue to invite you to reach out to Ecology on the topics we share. My successor, Brook Beeler, is a lifelong Eastern Washingtonian and will be a strong partner for you. Just below is the message Ecology's Director, Maia Bellon is beginning to send about the transition in leadership within Ecology's Eastern Regional Office....

After almost 38 years of state service, our longtime Eastern Regional Director, Grant Pfeifer, is retiring. I'm grateful for his service to our agency and the state for his long list of accomplishments that protected Washington's environment.

Although Grant's impending retirement could have left a gap in the region, I've dug into the ranks of Ecology and am excited to announce that I've appointed Brook Beeler to fill the role.

Brook is highly equipped to serve as the new Eastern Regional Office Director.

When she started her career at Ecology in 2005, she used her degree in science to support education and outreach priorities across all of our environmental programs. While she's served as the Regional Communications Manager for the past six years, Brook has also stepped into critical roles to keep the agency running smoothly. She has experience overseeing operations and management of administrative functions, and recently led our Water Resources section during staff transition.

Brook also has directly supported me on the Agriculture and Water Quality Advisory Committee I established early in my administration. I expect her roots in Eastern Washington, where she grew up in an agricultural community in the Hangman Creek watershed, will help us continue to build strong partnerships in our agriculture and water quality work and other priorities throughout the region.

Brook will work side-by-side with Grant Pfeifer over the month of February to ensure a smooth transition prior to his retirement on March 1.

Starting February 1, Brook can be reached as follows:

Brook Beeler, ERO Regional Director
4601 N. Monroe
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509-329-3478 (desk)
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I hope that you will find Brook to be a great resource and partner. As the Regional Director she serves as my eyes and ears and is a direct link to Ecology's work in your communities.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Brook on any environmental and natural resources issues that arise. She reports directly to me and keeps me involved and engaged in the region.

—Maia

Once again, Thanks!

-grant

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